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## **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a holding device for a flexographic printing sleeve, which comprises at least one receiving member exhibiting a cylindrical side surface over which a printing sleeve can slide, said receiving member being able to rotate around its longitudinal axis and around the sleeve longitudinal axis. According to the invention, the receiving member comprises two or more shoulders with differing diameters and the holding device comprises a second identical receiving member. Both receiving members are placed in such a way that they can rotate around the same longitudinal axis and are oriented toward each other with their small shoulders. At least one of the receiving members can be moved along 10 said longitudinal axis in such a way that the distance between said two receiving members can be adjusted.